Delhi, Rajasthan and Orissa will not serve any useful purpose because these do not have suburban system.

Stoppage of Purshottam Express at Bokaro

2596. SHRI GAYA SINGH :
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received several public petitions by different social organisations and Government and semi Government organisations, regarding stoppage of up and down Purshottam Express and its running through Bokaro Steel City;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration regarding running of Purshottam Express through Purlia *via* Kot Shila, Bokaro to Gomo Jn., which is the shortest route in comparison to the existing route;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to raise the reservation quota in Bokaro in all the trains, specially in Purshottam Express from July, 1995; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (d) Some representations have been received for routing Purshottam Express *via* Bokaro Steel City-Kotshila-Purulia, but the same has not been found desirable due to operational constraints including change of traction, reversal, lower speeds etc. which will increase the journey time by about 80 minutes. Due to limited availability of reserved accommodation and full utilisation of quotas at the existing quota holding stations, there is no proposal at present to enhance the reservation quota at Bokaro station by any train.

Jobs generated by gauge conversion projects

2597. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that emphasis of Government has been on gauge conversion projects during the current plan period;

(b) whether the gauge convesion projects have been found useful in providing jobs, particularly to the local, unskilled hands, in the respective areas;

(c) if so, the details of additional jobs generated by the projects and the average tenure thereof;

(d) whether Government have taken up gauge conversion projects in Bihar also;

(e) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the details of jobs generated and/or expected to be generated by it; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Gauge conversion is one of the thrust areas.

(c) The direct and indirect employment generated by gauge conversion projects is estimated at 10,000 mandays for each kilometre of conversion.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The information is given below:

Project	Kms.	Employment Potential-Mandays
Samastipur-Darbhanga	37.24	372400
Chhapra-Aunrihar	171.00	1710000
Sagauli-Narkatiaganj	5900	590000
Muzaffarpur-Raxaul	129.00	1290000 (Completed)
Narkatiaganj-Valmikinagar	50.00	500000 (Included in 1995-96 budget)

(f) Does not arise.

Construction of light railway in Hyderabad and Secundrabad

2598. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct a light railway in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secundrabad;

(b) whether the RITES has conducted a survey in this respect; and

(c) what will be the contribution of the Railways in the construction and maintenance of the light railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No financial contribution is to be made by the Railways for the purpose, since this is a project undertaken by Ministry of Urban Development.

रेलवे टिकट निरीक्षकों (चैकर) के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही

2599. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान दोषी पाये गये उन टिकट निरीक्षकों के विरुद्ध क्या-क्या आरोप थे जिनके विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की गई;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि प्राप्त शिकायतों तथा दंडित व्यक्तियों की संख्या में काफी अंतर है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इनमें से कुछ व्यक्तियों को किन आधार पर छोड़ा गया; और

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार दोषियों को दण्ड देने की स्थिति में नहीं है क्योंकि रेलवे इस संबंध में सख्त कार्यवाही नहीं कर रहा है तथा पक्षपातपूर्ण रवैया भी अपना रही है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप यात्रियों को परेशान किये जाने की घटनाएं बढ़ रही हैं?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) टिकट निरीक्षण कर्मचारी जिनके विरुद्ध कार्रवाई की गई थी, शायिकाओं के आबंटन में अनियमितता, दुर्व्यवहार, अप्राधिकृत यात्रियों द्वारा यात्रा करने आदि जैसे आरोपों के दोषी पाए गए थे;

(ख) से (घ) प्राप्त शिकायतों और दण्डित व्यक्तियों की संख्या में अंतर है प्रत्येक शिकायत की जांच की गई थी और केवल उन्हीं कर्मचारियों को दोषमुक्त किया गया जिनके विरुद्ध लगाए गए आरोप प्रमाणित नहीं किए जा सके अपराध की गंभीरता के आधार पर बिना किसी पक्षपात के दंड दिया जाता है?

Gauge conversion between Bijapur-Sholapur

2600. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be please to state:

(a) whether the Bijapur-Sholapur Gauge conversion work has been started;

(b) if not, when the work is likely to be started and completed; and

(c) the reasons for delay in taking up the work two years after the Hon'ble Railway Minister inaugurated the conversion work?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIFE): (a) to (c) The work of gauge conversion of Solapur-Bijapur-Gadag section (300 kms.) from metre gauge to broad gauge was included in the Railway Budget for 1993-94 subject to approval from the Planning Commission.

The necessary approval of the Planning Commission has been received